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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Amos B. Smith, III et als.

Serial No. 09/841,951

Filed: April 25, 2001

For: NEW SOLUTION AND SOLID PHASE SYNTHESIS OF PYRROLINONES AND POLYPYRROLINONES

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.

REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time, up to and including March 13, 2003 in which to file a response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003. Applicants have paid the fee for a one-month extension of time. Accordingly, a fee in the amount of \$55.00 for a one-month extension is enclosed. If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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